

REMARKS

In the Office Action,¹ the Examiner rejected claims 13-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2003/0220995 to Hitaka et al. ("*Hitaka*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,272,484 to Martin et al. ("*Martin*"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Independent claim 16 recites an information processing method comprising, among other things:

- displaying [a] plurality of thumbnail pictures . . . on a first display unit;
- displaying the plurality of thumbnail pictures . . . on a second display unit;
- displaying a first cursor at . . . one of the . . . thumbnail pictures on the first display unit;
- displaying a second cursor at . . . one of the . . . thumbnail pictures on the second display unit;
- moving the first cursor on the first display unit [to a new thumbnail picture] based on . . . user input;
- display[ing] the second cursor [on the second display unit] at . . . a new thumbnail picture associated with the new thumbnail picture [specified by the first cursor on the first display unit].

The Examiner acknowledges, "*Hitaka* . . . does not explicitly show refreshing the second display unit to display the second cursor at a new location." Office Action, p. 7. *Martin* also fails to disclose the claimed first and second cursors.

Martin discloses, "the visual representation of the electronic document is . . . displayed[, f]or example, a web browser window is then opened or refreshed to display

¹ The Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicants decline to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

the web page located at the URL corresponding to the first location.” *Martin*, col. 12, lines 27-31. *Martin* further discloses, “a user may move cursor 509 to select any of the thumbnails displayed.” *Id.*, col. 8, lines 6-7. See also *id.*, Fig. 5.

If cursor 509 is considered as the first cursor, in *Martin*, selecting a thumbnail by moving cursor 509 (first cursor) does not cause another cursor (second cursor) in another device to be displayed at an associated thumbnail. If cursor 509 is considered as the second cursor, in *Martin*, the thumbnail selected by cursor 509 (second cursor) is selected by the user on the second device and has no association with a thumbnail selected by another cursor (first cursor) moved by a user on the first device. Therefore, *Martin* does not disclose “display[ing] the second cursor at . . . a new thumbnail picture associated with the new thumbnail picture URL received from the first viewing apparatus,” as recited in claim 16. Accordingly, *Martin* fails to cure the deficiencies of *Hitaka*.

For at least the foregoing reasons, *Hitaka* and *Martin*, individually or in combination, fail to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness with respect to claim 16. Independent claims 13, 19, 22, 25, and 28 are allowable over *Hitaka* and *Martin* for at least reasons similar to those given for claim 16. Dependent claims 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, and 30 are allowable at least due to their dependence from allowable base claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 13-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

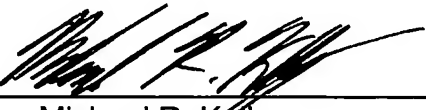
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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